

State Water Board Update

1) Phase 1: San Joaquin River Flow and South Delta Water Quality Objectives

The State Water Board is in the process of reviewing the San Joaquin River flow objectives for the protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses, water quality objectives for the protection of southern delta agricultural beneficial uses, and the program of implementation for those objectives contained in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (2006 Bay-Delta Plan).

In order to inform the Bay-Delta Plan review, the State Water Board is preparing a Substitute Environmental Document (SED) and is anticipating issuing a draft in the fall of 2012. Following a period for receipt of written comments, there will be a public hearing on the adequacy of the draft. A final SED will be released after consideration of the comments and a Board hearing to consider adoption of the final SED and the revised Bay-Delta Plan is anticipated in the spring of 2013.

Additional information regarding this review can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/bay\\_delta\\_plan/water\\_quality\\_control\\_planning/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/)

Questions concerning this effort can be directed to Mark Gowdy at 916-341-5432 or [mgowdy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mgowdy@waterboards.ca.gov).

2) Phase 2: Comprehensive Review

A workshop was held on September 5 and 6, 2012 on the topic of Ecosystem Changes and the Low Salinity Zone related to the Comprehensive Review of the Bay-Delta Plan. Speaker presentations and written information received for the workshop are posted on the State Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/comp\\_review.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/comp_review.shtml).

The next workshop will be held on October 1 and 2, 2012 on the topic of Bay-Delta Fishery Resources. The notice for this workshop and comments received for this workshop can be found on the State Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/comp\\_review.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/comp_review.shtml).

Questions regarding the facilitation of these workshops should be directed to Dr. Brock Bernstein, Workshops Facilitator, at (805) 646-8369 or [brockbernstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brockbernstein@sbcglobal.net). Questions regarding other matters should be directed to Richard Satkowski at (916) 341-5439 or [rsatkowski@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rsatkowski@waterboards.ca.gov).

The information generated through the workshops will augment information generated through earlier reviews and will inform the State Water Board members and staff on what, if any, changes should be made to the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan.

Additional information is available at the Division of Water Rights' website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/)

Questions concerning this effort can be directed to Rich Satkowski at 916-341-5439 or [rsatkowski@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rsatkowski@waterboards.ca.gov) or Karen Niiya at 916-341-5365 or [kyniia@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kyniia@waterboards.ca.gov).

### 3) Bay-Delta Compliance

The Delta Watermaster at the State Water Board is continuing to monitor DWR/USBR compliance with D-1641 and State Water Board Order 2010-0002.

### 4) Water Transfers

On July 9, 2012, the State Water Board issued a notice for the temporary transfer of 10,000 acre-feet of water from the Merced Irrigation District to the Westlands Water District. The Central Valley Project will be added to the place of use to facilitate the transfer.

For further information on Water Transfers, contact Katherine Mrowka at 916-341-5363 or [kmrowka@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kmrowka@waterboards.ca.gov).